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PROFILE

Versatile Ph.D. scientist with over eight years of experience and proven leadership in developing protein therapeutics. Range of experience includes project team leadership, preclinical development, and protein/antibody engineering and development.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, 1994.
Dissertation: The Expression of Recombinant Proteins on the External Surface of *Escherichia coli*.

B.A. in Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1989.

EXPERIENCE

Seattle Genetics, Inc., Bothell, WA (1998-present)

Director of Preclinical Development, (3/03-present)

Build and maintain a department (currently 1 Ph.D. and 5 Research Associates) responsible for internal and outsourced preclinical research and development. Responsibilities and accomplishments include:

- Establish a robust preclinical development process to move antibody-based product candidates from discovery into development.
- Establish departmental and team goals to meet project objectives and timelines.
- Serve as preclinical representative on Seattle Genetics priority projects.
- Participate on Priority team responsible for establishing corporate research and development priorities and making resource and budgetary recommendations to executive management.

Director of Molecular Development, (2001-2003)

Built multifunctional department responsible for preclinical development and protein/antibody engineering. Responsibilities and accomplishments include:

- Project team leader for SGN-30 program; entered Phase I clinical trials ahead of schedule and on budget in March 2002. Personal responsibilities included: oversight of contract development and GMP manufacturing; developing strategy for and implementing in house and outsourced pharmacology and toxicology studies; preparing pharmacology/toxicology section of IND; participating in preparation of CMC section of IND.
- Project team leader and preclinical sub team leader for SGN-17/SGN-19 program: lead Antibody-Directed Enzyme Prodrug Therapy. Responsible for maintaining communication and interaction with development partner Genencor International.

Associate Director of Molecular Biology, (2000-2001)

Conduct and supervise basic and applied research for the discovery and development of protein therapeutics for cancer. Responsibilities and accomplishments include:

- Direct research and development activities of molecular biology department.
- Establish and optimize antibody chimerization system, addressing relevant GMP issues.

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- Supervise *in vivo* pharmacology studies in relevant murine models.
- Selected as development project team leader for SGN-30 project; establish timelines, identify and assign personnel to key functions including contract manufacturing.

Principal Scientist, (1998-2000)

First Ph.D. research scientist to join Seattle Genetics. Directed a research program to investigate the therapeutic efficacy of novel antibodies and antibody-fusions as potential anti-cancer agents. Responsibilities and accomplishments include:

- Supervise the research activities of four associate scientists.
- Design and supervise preclinical studies to evaluate the toxicity and efficacy of numerous chemical and recombinant protein agents.
- Project team leader for SGN-14 program which was successfully outlicensed to a major biotech corporate partner.

Monsanto, St. Louis, MO (1997 - 1998)

Scientist, Protein Regulatory Sciences Department.

Responsible for the purification, characterization, and safety assessment of recombinant proteins expressed in plants for agricultural and pharmaceutical purposes. Duties included the design, implementation, and completion of studies and reports to support submissions to US and foreign agencies for regulatory approval.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Seattle, WA (1994 - 1997).

Research Investigator II, Molecular Immunology Department (1997).

Responsible for the construction and characterization of novel recombinant immunotoxins and antibodies for the treatment of cancer. Supervised the research activities of one research associate. Accomplishments include:

- Construction and *in vitro* and *in vivo* characterization of novel single-chain immunotoxins.
- Established the therapeutic efficacy of the antibodies to CD40 *in vitro* and in murine models of human lymphoma and multiple-myeloma.
- Member of the pre-IND project working group for a single-chain immunotoxin program.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Molecular Immunology Department (1994-1996).

Responsible for the engineering and characterization of single-chain immunotoxins targeted to CD40 and their evaluation as therapeutic agents for human lymphoma and multiple myeloma.

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (1989-1994).

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Chemical Engineering. Supervised by Professor George Georgiou.

Responsible for designing, cloning, expressing and characterizing a novel protein fusion for the stable expression of recombinant proteins on the external surface of *E. coli*. (US Patent 5,348,867).

- Recipient of the Hoechst Celanese Corporation Graduate Presentation Award, 1993.
- Recipient of the Dow Centennial Fellowship, 1992.

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

Francisco, J.A., Cerveny, C.G., Meyer, D.L., Siegall, C., Senter, P.D., and Wahl, A.F. "SGN-35, an Anti-CD30 Antibody-Drug Conjugate with Potent Antitumor Activity," Annual Meeting of the AACR (2003)

Francisco, J.A. "Preclinical Pharmacology and Toxicology of SGN-30, a Chimeric Anti-CD30

Antibody for the Treatment of Hodgkin's Disease," Invited speaker for Sierra Biomedical Annual Symposium: Biotechnology-Derived Therapeutics: Pharmacology and Toxicology Perspectives in Nonclinical Development (2003)

Ratcliffe, C.F., Beam, K.S., Wu, G.J.S., Chen, J., Dunn, J., Senter, P.D., and Francisco, J.A. "Improved Yield and Stability of L49-sFv-b-Lactamase, a Single-Chain Antibody Fusion Protein for Anticancer Prodrug Activation, by Protein Engineering," IBC Antibody Engineering conference (2001)

Francisco, J.A. "Molecular biology and bioconjugates," Invited speaker for Chemistry, Biology and Applications of Bioconjugates, Short Course at the American Chemical Society annual meeting (2000)

Francisco, J.A. "Antibody-based cancer therapeutics: Single-chain immunotoxins targeted to CD40," Invited speaker for the NIH Training Program in Biotechnology, The University of Texas at Austin (1999)

Francisco, J.A. and Siegall, C.B. "Single-chain immunotoxins as cancer chemotherapeutic agents," Antibody-Based Therapeutics: Applications and Clinical Data (1997).

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Study Section member, NIH SBIR grant review committee, Cancer Drug Development and Therapeutics

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